GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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REQUEST OF ONGC FOR EXEMPTION FROM EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) for exemption under para 39 of EPF-95 as directed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court was referred to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the request for exemption form EPF-1995 is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): In accordance with the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, the establishment i.e. Oil & Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) had requested the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India to consider the proposal for grant of exemption from the Employees` Pension Scheme, 1995.

(b) & (c): The Honorable Supreme Court had directed for fresh disposal of the exemption application of M/s ONGC Ltd in accordance with law after giving due opportunity to all parties concerned. Accordingly, hearings were held involving all concerned parties. The application of the establishment was scrutinized and found inferior to the statutory Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 and hence it was rejected. The decision has already been conveyed to M/s. ONGC and instruction has been given to them to implement the EPS,1995 in the organization with effect from 16.11.1995.